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SUBJECT: SPOKANE EXPO '74

REF: BELGRADE 5197 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FOLLOWING UP ON MEETINGS COMMISSIONER HENDERSON HAD DURING HIS BELGRADE VISIT, EMBASSY HAS MADE STRONG APPEAL TO OTHERS WHO WILL PLAY ROLE IN DECISION ON POSSIBLE YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '74. YUGOSLAVS HAVE GENERALLY REACTED FAVORABLY, BUT ARE STILL UNSURE ABOUT COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION CALLED ON ZIVAN BERISAVLJEVIC, COUNSELOR FOR PRESS, INFORMATION AND CULTURE OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT, WHO EXHIBITED ACTIVE INTEREST AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT YUGOSLAV PRESENCE AT EXPO '74 WOULD HAVE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES FOR EXPANDING US/YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. HE IS AWARE OF URGENCY OF DECISION AND PLEDGED TO LOBBY FOR GOY PARTICIPATION. DCM WILL MAKE SIMILAR VIGOROUS REPRESENTATION TO VOJISLAV DJURANOVIC, SECRETARY GENERAL OF YUGOSLAV TOURIST ASSOCIATION ON DECEMBER 3.

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DJURANOVIC IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL THAT TIME.

3. PAO CALLED ON SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION DRAGOLJUB BUDIMOVSKI, WHO WAS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GOY PAVILION AT EXPO '67. BUDIMOVSKI ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF EXPO '74 TO YUGOSLAVIA, BUT STATED THAT GOY PARTICIPATION WAS IMPROBABLE FOR BUDGETARY REASONS. HE SAID THIS SUBJECT HAD NOT YET BEEN RAISED AT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LEVEL. SINCE EXPO '74 NOT YET INCLUDED IN BUDGET, BUDIMOVSKI DOUBTS THAT GOY WILL BE ABLE TO AUTHORIZE SPOKANE IN THE OVERALL FAIR BUDGET WHICH IS TO BE FINALIZED DEC. 6. HOWEVER, HE SAID IF DR. ALES BEBLER ACTIVELY PRESSES FOR GOY PARTICIPATION, HE WOULD LEND HIS SUPPORT.

4. IT IS CLEAR FROM COMMISSIONER HENDERSON'S MEETINGS FOR PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, IS KEY FIGURE. AMBASSADOR HAS AGAIN CONTACTED BEBLER, PROVIDING FURTHER INFO ON EXPO '74, AND URGING HIM TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SECURE GOY PARTICIPATION. ALSO IMPORTANT ARE CHAMBER OF ECONOMY, SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN TRADE AND FAISECTC (SEE REFTEL). EMBASSY, DURING WEEK OF DEC. 3, WILL CONTINUE ITS VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO SECURE FAVORABLE DECISION.
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